were indulging on stariff undercounting in contravention of the Aircraft Rules, 1937. Such under-cutting adversely affects the business of our national carriers. A meeting of all foreign operators was convened by DGCA on 8-7-1994 to discuss this issue and all operators were advised to strictly follow the relevant provisions of the Aircraft Rules. 1937 regarding fixation and charging of tariffs. A team has also been constituted by the Directol General of Civil Aviation with a representative of Reserve Bank of India to go through the financial records of airlines and their agents from time to time to detect undercutting of fares.

Death of Governor of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh in air crash

370. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered an equiry into the air crash in which Governor of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh with his family and other crew members were killed recently;

(b) if so, whether any preliminary investigations have been conducted;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) wnether the Union Government propose to examine the worthiness of the planes with each of the State Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) what steps have been taken for the bereaved family Members of the late Governor of Punjab and the crew members?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The accident is under investigation by an Inspector of Accidents appointed by the Director General of Civil Aviation Under Rule 71 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937. The Government also propose to appoint a Court of Inquiry headed by a sitting Judge of the High Court of Himachal Pradesh to investigate the accident under Rule 75 of Aircraft Rules, 1937.

(d) and (e) The State Government aircraft are maintained, inspected and certified in accordance with schedules prescribed by the manufacturers and duly approved by the Director General of Civil Aviation.

(f) The information is being collected from the Government of Punjab and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Conversion of Bangalore Airport into International Airport

371. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry have made a request to HAL and Defence Ministry for permission to convert the Bangalore Airport into an International Airport;

(b) if so, whether the HAL and Defence Ministry have accorded the necessary permission;

(c) if not, what are the reasons for not according the permission when the Airport is already used by the Civil Aviation and International cargo carriers; and

(d) whether Defence Ministry will be approached for permitting the Deptt. of Civil Aviation to convert Bangalore Airport as an International Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) No such request has been made for conversion of Bangalore airport into international airport.

(d) Due to technical and operational constraints, it is not feasible at present to commence full-fledged international operations through Bangalore airport. However, national carriers are permitted to operate limited international services from any airport, including Bangalore.

Proposal for Development of Sea Beaches in the Country

372. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to beautify the sea beaches in the country in order to attract a large number of tourist;

(b) whether Government have any scheme in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount spent on such work during last three years in Orissa and other coastal States?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) The Central Department of Tourism in consultation with the State Governments and Union Territories have identified the coastal areas of Sindhudurg Distt. in Maharashtra, Bekal beach in Kelala, Muttukadu-Mamal'apuram in Tamil Nadu, Puri-Konark in Orissa and Diu in Union Territory of Daman & Diu for integrated development of tourism. During the last three years i.e. 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94, an amount of Rs. 544.74 lakhs have been sanctioned on the development of sea beaches in the country.

Privatisation of Airports

373. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to privatise some airports in the country;

(b) if so, the Airports identified therefor;

(c) the time schedule fixed for the privatisation of those Airports; and

(d) the situation that led to the privatisation of those Airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) An Inter-Ministerial group was constituted to identify the areas in development of airports which can be dereserved for public participation. The group has submitted its report. The Government will take a decision on the report in due course.

Setting up of New Airports in Joint Sector

374. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up some Airports in the country in the joint sector;

(b) if so, the number of Airports proposed to be set up in the country in the joint sector during the Eighth and Ninth plan period; and

(c) the places identified for the location of these Airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Non-Adherence of Guidelines by Air Taxi Operators

375. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines given to the private Air Taxi operators by the Director General Civil Aviation;